Claims 1-4, 7, 8, 10-16, 18, 19, 21 and 22 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Harlow et al. (Harlow) (U.S. Patent No. 5,206,901). However, Harlow does not disclose each and every claimed element, as required to support a rejection for anticipation. Among other features of the claimed invention, Harlow does not disclose receiving an incoming call at one of a plurality of directory numbers belonging to a subscriber, as required by independent claims 1 and 8.

Instead, Harlow only discloses receiving a call at a single number, and then attempting to ring a plurality of telephones associated with the number. The single number may be a "special directory number" (col. 4, lines 41-42). Or, the single number may be a directory number of a "conventional telephone network" associated with "one line" (paragraph bridging cols. 5 and 6).

By contrast, in the present invention as claimed, an incoming call may be received at one of a plurality of directory numbers belonging to a subscriber. For example, an incoming call may be received at a fixed-site device or a mobility device corresponding to the plurality of directory numbers. See, e.g., the present specification at page 2, line 23 and page 3, lines 7-8. Depending on a condition of the fixed-site device or the mobility device, i.e., on whether the fixed-site device or mobility device is busy or does not answer, the incoming call may be forwarded in accordance with a call forward setting from the fixed-site device to the mobility device, or vice-versa.

Independent claim 13 is directed to a medium storing instructions for implementing substantially the same method as recited in claim 1. Similarly, independent claim 15 is directed to a medium storing instructions for implementing substantially the same method as recited in claim 8. Independent claims 18 and 19 are apparatus claims including substantially the same recitations as claims 1 and 8, respectively. Independent claim 21 has been amended above to recite a plurality of directory numbers belonging to a subscriber. Accordingly, since Harlow does not disclose a plurality of directory numbers belonging to a subscriber as required by the independent claims, it cannot anticipate these claims. Moreover, since the dependent claims incorporate the recitations of the independent claims, the dependent claims are allowable over Harlow for at least the reasons discussed in

connection with the independent claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-4, 7, 8, 10-16, 18, 19, 21 and 22 as anticipated by Harlow is respectfully requested.

Claims 5, 6, 9, 17 and 20 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harlow. Along the above lines, each of dependent claims 5, 6, 9, 17 and 20 incorporates features of the independent claims demonstrated to be absent from Harlow. Thus, claims 5, 6, 9, 17 and 20 are allowable over Harlow for at least the reasons discussed in connection with the independent claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 5, 6, 9, 17 and 20 as unpatentable over Harlow is respectfully requested.

In light of the foregoing discussion, the Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in all aspects in allowable condition, and earnestly solicits favorable reconsideration and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4323 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 related to this communication to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS MARKED UP TO SHOW CHANGES

21. (Amended) An apparatus for determining routing information for a call, including:

a processor;

a memory coupled to said processor, said memory storing a subscriber profile associated with a plurality of directory numbers belonging to the subscriber, and instructions adapted to be executed by said processor to receive a routing request, formulate a routing instruction based upon the subscriber profile, and send the routing instruction to an external entity.